(ग) शेष आवेदनों को शीघ्र निपटाने के लिये कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं।

गरीबों में खाद्यान्न का वितरण

3526. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृषि उत्पादों के संबंध में अमरीका और युरोपीय समुदाय के बीच हुये समझौते के कारण देश में गरीब लोगों के बीच खाद्यान्नों के वितरण पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) सरकार देश की खाद्य सुरक्षा जरूरतों विशेषकर गरीब लोगों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिये पर्याप्त उपाय करती है और इसके लिए वह कृषि उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने, लाभकारी मूल्यों के जरिए अभिप्राप्ति में वृद्धि करने, आवश्यकता होने पर आयात करने तथा सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को राजसहायता देने के प्रयास करती है।

Profit and loss in Super Bazar

3527. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of balance-sheet of profit and loss of Super Bazar, issued by the Audit and Chartered Report for last five years;

(b) the number of the dividends paid by the Super Bazar Authority to the share-holders till 31st July, 1993;

(c) whether it is a fact that action has been taken to recover the amount which has already been paid as dividend to the share holders;

(d) what are the details of total number of public funds blocked with Super-Bazar and fraud of public funds made by Super Bazar;

(e) whether Government have ordered any CBI investigation against Super Bazar so far; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Annual Report and audited accounts of Super Bazar containing details of balance sheet, profit and loss are being laid every year on the Table of the House, and last such one was for the year 1991-92.

(b) Super Bazar has been paying dividend to shareholders w.e.f. the year 1982-84 to 1991-92.

(c) The amount of dividend paid to the shareholders is not recoverable.

(d) Under the Central Sector Scheme for the development of the Co-operative Stores Ltd., Super Bazar, New Delhi, the funds are released to Super Bazar as share capital, loan and subsidy for augmentation of its business, opening of Branches as well as for creating other infrastructure. Super Bazar is repaying loan with interest and also redeeming share capital and dividend regularly to the Government of India. Hence, there is no blockade of funds with Super Bazar and nothing has come in the notice regarding any fraud of public funds by Super Bazar.

(e) and (f) In view of the above, the Question of any CBI investigation against Super Bazar does not arise.

Burden of raising prices on middle income groups

3528. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat, rice, vegetable, Fruits being produced in the country and the quantum thereof exported; and

(b) the effect of the exports of these items on the rise in prices in the country; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in regard to reducing the hardship to the middle groups who cannot bear the burden of the everrising price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The figures of production of wheat, rice, vegetables and fruits alongwith the estimates of exports are given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*).

(b) The quantities of exports of these commodities being very marginal, their impact on the gerenal prices was not in any way significant.

(c) As of now, the supply position of rice and wheat is quite comfortable. However, due to slight set back in the supply of seasonal vegetables due to heavy rain, floods, disruption in traffic and lean supply of seasonal vegetables, the Government is keeping a close watch on the prices of vegetables and fruits. Efforts are being made to augment the availability of the commodities through Government retails out lets, Co-operative Stores, Super Bazar and mobile vans etc.

Statement

All India Production estimates of Wheat and Rice, vegetables & Fruits for 1991-92 *and* 1992-93 *and Exports*

Commodity	Production (In million tonnes)		Exports (Commercial)	
	1991-92 Final	1992-93 likely as on 24-6-1993	1991-92	1992-93
Wheat	55.09	57.0	Nil	Negligible
Rice	73.66	72.6	0.7	0.6
Fruits;*	32.07**	28.2*		
Vegetables;	66.24**	58.0**	8.4	0.4†

*Excluding dry fruits and plantation crops

**Source: Ministry of Agriculture. and Co-operation Source; Ministry of Agriculture.

†Agriculture and Proceseed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).